

IOWA FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Meeting Via Conference Call
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
January 18, 2012

Iowa FFA President Lindsay Calvert and Board Chair Michael Peiffer called the January meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

Those members present were:

Executive Committee:

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| Lindsay Calvert | President |
| Steven Brockshus | NW VP |
| Michael Mardeson | SW VP |
| Logan Worden | NE VP |
| Patrick Diedrich | SE VP |
| Marshall Hay | SC VP |
| Nicole Patterson | NC VP |
| Sarah Doese | Secretary |
| Shaniel Smith | Reporter |

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| Amy Lutz | SE District |
| Jim Russ | NE District |
| Kevin Blair | SW District |
| Melanie Bloom | IAAE |
| Jane Schmidt | Alumni |

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

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| Dan Venticher | Past President |
| Tom Paulsen | ISU Ag Ed |

Ex-Officio:

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| Dale Gruis | State Advisor |
| Scott Johnson | State Executive Sec. |
| Josh Remington | Foundation |

Adult Board - Voting:

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| Michael Peiffer | Board Chair |
| Carrie Putz | SC District |
| Doug Dodd | NC District |
| Micah Weber | NW District |

Others In Attendance:

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| Sven Nelson | Sioux Central |
| Dennis Anderson | Clergy |

Standard Agenda

Meeting Minutes

FFA Secretary Sarah Doese presented the minutes of the September Board Meeting. No changes were made. Brockshus moved to accept. Worden seconded the motion. Motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Scott Johnson presented the financial report. Johnson reviewed the current account balances.

Wells Fargo Account: \$19,796.28

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| Great Southern Bank: | \$20,642.50 | |
| Liberty Bank CD: | \$203,366.11 | Rate: .070% |
| Green Belt Money Market: | \$25,691.33 | |

Outstanding Invoices: \$47,000.00

Patterson moved to accept. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dodd moved to concur. Lutz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 4,739 members entered on the AgCN state web, still working on problems with entering students within the program.

IAAE Report

Bloom was not in attendance.

Alumni Report

Schmidt discussed the State Alumni Conference being held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 cost is \$15/person, starts at 9 with registration at 8. They will be having a silent and live auction. DeWitt Central FFA Alumni will be serving the meal.

Foundation Report

Remington discussed the current foundation planning for state leadership conference. The foundation is still finding CDE's sponsors. Remington also shared that they now have four major sponsors for state leadership conference. All four sponsors are now \$10,000 a piece for 2012 compared to \$8,000 in 2011. New software is being developed and will be launched in foundation soon and will say how each person was involved with FFA or how much money was previously given. Michelle McBride has been hired and is working currently in the financial department. A new administrative assistant will be hired in the next few weeks.

FFA Report

Smith reported about the state officers' FFA happenings. The state officers attended National FFA Convention, held Greenhand Fire-ups as well as 212/360 conferences, winter retreat, state leadership conference practices, and 36 chapter visits in the first semester.

Iowa State Fair

Meggers was not in attendance.

Postsecondary Report

Paulsen discussed the suggestion of 3.0 GPA requirement for Agriculture Education certification. Paulsen shared statistics of previous Agriculture Education students.

Non-Action Items

Global Compassion Network Proposal

Sioux Central FFA members presented a proposal to take part in the Global Compassion Network. The members explained it is a partnership with Sukup in building “SafeThomes” for people in Hati. The members explained the different phases in their planning of this project. Phase one would be to send FFA members to Hati for 10 days which would cost \$1,250.00 and training of foreign cultures. Phase two consists of challenging Iowa FFA with building three homes per district. The homes would cost \$5,700.00 and \$500.00 extra for a concrete floor as well as \$700.00 shipping. Sioux Central proposed to kick off this challenge at State Leadership Conference with a video in the first and fourth sessions. Dennis Anderson, whom was a clergy representative, then discussed his thoughts on the project. The board then discussed funding and who would be in charge of this project.

FFA Credit Card

Johnson discussed the \$10,000.00 spending limit for the association credit card. The president is going to continue to have a credit card. Johnson is looking into getting a business rewards card which costs \$50.00 a year, but the rewards should easily cover the cost. The board discussed the current \$4,000.00 spending limit on the State President’s credit card what it should be in the future. Johnson is going to check with Michelle on past transactions decide the limit from there. Johnson suggested \$1,000 to \$1,500 spending limit.

CDE Personnel

Johnson reported that no improvement has been made since last meeting and nothing will probably happen before March either because of State Leadership Conference planning.

FFA Board Meeting Agenda Organization/Advance Notice

Johnson proposed to have a generalized due date for board agenda and board meeting minutes to be sent out. Board meeting agenda will be sent out one week before the meeting and minutes will be sent out one week after the meeting.

FFA Enrichment Center Lodging Form

Gruis reported that he hasn't talked to any of the attorneys yet due to bad timing. Johnson added that he thinks we need to have a contract written up and ready to present so that officers can stay at the enrichment center without a supervisor. Johnson hopes to have an email update out before the March meeting. Dodd offered to talk to a local Iowa Falls attorney.

Action Items

Membership Roster Submission

Johnson discussed the concern with the membership submission. The board discussed what to do for upcoming events such as sub districts and district review night. Brockshus moved to suspend the rules that states that chapters must have completed their annual report, program of activities, submitted membership roster, and paid their membership dues. Mardeson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0. Blair moved to concur. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Blair moved to allow FFA Chapters to be in good standing upon completing their annual report and an updated program of activities. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed. Smith moved to concur. Brockshus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Technology: FFA Server at the Enrichment Center

Johnson reported that the association needs one server to store all files on. The board discussed the possibilities of getting a carbonate storage device which is \$229 a year. The board moved to appoint a research committee to check on a storage device. The committee consists of: Brockshus, Gaul, Mardeson, and Johnson, whom all volunteered. Mardeson moved to accept the motion. Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Blair seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Middle School FFA at State Fair

Gruis asked board members what their thoughts were on the topic. Board members discussed the pros and cons. Johnson proposed talking to Iowa State Fair and 4-H about that and FFA involvement at a county level. No vote was needed.

Livestock CDE Date

Johnson discussed the last board meetings discussion on the topic. An official date needs to be set for the Livestock CDE. Lutz summarized her discussions with Iowa State University and 4-H. Lutz called Jon Declerck in regards to whether switching the date would be possible. The board will vote over email if necessary.

Vet Tech CDE

Gruis discussed his conference in Indianapolis. National FFA is allowing each state to bring two teams to nationals this upcoming year. Dodd moved to have the student board under the direction of Gruis and Johnson decide the process. Blair seconded. Motion passed. Brockshus moved to concur. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Hiring Staff Coordination and Management of Services

Johnson discussed having Amber Heinrich, Irv Meier, Randy Dreher, and Sarah King be paid for their assistance to the association. All positions will qualify for Federal Perkins Funding, which the Iowa FFA Association has a small surplus of due to having no Executive Secretary for five months. Diedrich moved to pay Amber Heinrich \$2,500.00 for her assistance to the association. Worden seconded. Motion passed. Schmidt moved to concur. Lutz seconded. Motion passed. Patterson moved to pay Irv Meier \$2,500.00 for his work in career development events. Smith seconded. Motion passed. Dodd moved to concur. Russ seconded. Motion passed. Smith moved to pay Randy Dreher \$750.00 for state officer training. Patterson seconded. Motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Lutz seconded. Motion passed. Patterson moved to pay Sarah King \$500.00 to scan official FFA historical documents and reports. Worden seconded. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Dodd seconded. Motion passed.

FFA Guidance for County Fairs

Gruis discussed having FFA make up a set of rules that pertain to the county fairs. Smith moved to have guidelines set for county fairs. Patterson seconded. Motion passed. Lutz moved to concur. Blair seconded. Motion passed.

Leadership CDE Rule Changes

Johnson discussed changing the general info #3. Dodd moved to add in the FFA blue book #3: add chapter website presenter to the list of CDE events. Blair seconded. Motion passed. Mardeson moved to concur. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

CDE Scheduling

No new discussion

Sexual Harassment Policy

Dodd is waiting to talk to Dale Stockdale

Adjourn

Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Doese
State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association
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